

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Library Board was held on Thursday, March 13, 2008, at the Office of the Library Director. Kul Gauri, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Heather Eisenbacher
Kul Gauri
Lynne Gregory
Nancy Wheeler
Audre Zembrzuski
Arthi Krishna

Cathleen Russ, Library Director

Guests: Julie Sigler, Susan Werpetinski, and a young man

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Resolution #LB-2008-03-01

Moved by Zembrzuski

Seconded by Eisenbacher

RESOLVED, That Shruthi Subramanian be excused.

Yes: 5—Eisenbacher, Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski

No: 0

Resolution #LB-2008-03-02

Moved by Gregory

Seconded by Zembrzuski

RESOLVED, That Minutes of February 14, 2008 be approved.

Yes: 5—Eisenbacher, Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #LB-2008-03-03

Moved by Wheeler

Seconded by Gregory

Reviewed Agenda entries. Discussion of the candidates for the upcoming LAB vacancy, with the purpose of making a recommendation to the Troy City Council, was added to the agenda, under New Business, Item A.

RESOLVED, That the Agenda be approved, as amended.

Yes: 4—Eisenbacher, Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler

No: 0

Abstain: 1—Zembrzuski

MOTION CARRIED

POSTPONED ITEMS

There were no Postponed items.

NEW BUSINESS.

- A. Discussion of candidates for Library Advisory Board vacancy: the Library Advisory Board members agreed that they would like to make a recommendation to the City Council about a candidate to replace Heather Eisenbacher. The Library Advisory Board members opted to postpone discussion of individual candidates until the end of the meeting.
- B. State Librarian's Plan for the Future of Library Cooperatives: C. Russ gave some background on why the State Librarian came up with this proposal. There is a lot of information on the topic, and much of it is dense and not easily understandable. Four of the five LAB members are attending the Trustee Appreciation dinner at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library on Wednesday, March 19; the keynote speaker is Roger Mendel, who is the director of the Northland Library Cooperative. The LAB members decided not to vote on the Troy LAB's position on the State Librarian's plan, pending further information to be received on March 19. However, the members did agree that they support the position of the Suburban Library Cooperative Board of Trustees on this issue.

Resolution #LB-2008-03-04

Moved by Wheeler

Seconded by Eisenbacher

RESOLVED, That the members of the Troy Library Advisory Board support the position of the Suburban Library Cooperative Board of Trustees.

Yes: 5—Eisenbacher, Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski

No: 0

- C. Proposed New Library: C. Russ has been asked to investigate grants, fundraising, and other sources of funding, to support the cost of a proposed new or expanded library.

Resolution #LB-2008-03-05

Moved by Gregory

Seconded by Wheeler

RESOLVED, That the Library Advisory Board supports the continued efforts in exploring the possibility of a new or expanded library.

Yes: 5—Eisenbacher, Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski
No: 0

OLD BUSINESS.
None

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS
Director's Report—see attached.

Board Members' Comments

Zembrzuski asked if driver's licenses are collected from individuals who would like to use the public Internet computers. The answer is no, as that takes up a lot of staff time, there is a lot of margin for error, and there has been no need to do so in the past.

Gauri told the LAB members that he would be speaking in his capacity as LAB chair at a Community Forum on Wednesday, April 23. The panelists at this forum will discuss the proposed new or expanded library.

A question arose about library fines: are they down? Has there been a decrease, due to the economy? C. Russ said no, there is no cause for concern. The library is at expected levels with regard to fine collection.

Student Representatives' Comments
None.

Suburban Library Cooperative--Gregory

Amy Shaunessy is the new systems librarian at SLC. The SLC Board is going to draft a resolution regarding the State Librarian's proposed plan for State Aid.

Friends of the Troy Public Library

The Friends of the Library are working with an attorney to draft a petition to request that the funding for the proposed new or expanded library be on the November 2008 ballot. The survey is ready to go, pending appropriate verbiage based on the petition language. L. Brooks Patterson has been invited to be the speaker at the Friends Annual Meeting in May.

Gifts.

The library received 3 donations in February:

- \$25 Bhogineni Family, Troy
- \$50 Gordon and Maureen Rains, Bloomfield Hills
- \$200 Nicola Antakli, Troy

Informational Items.

March TPL Calendar.

Contacts and Correspondence.

24 written comments from the public were reviewed.

Public Participation.

Julie Sigler thanked C. Russ for her quote regarding libraries and First Amendment rights in a recent Detroit Free Press article.

Discussion of Library Advisory Board vacancy

Two candidates for this position were present. The candidates offered to leave while the LAB members discussed the applications and their recommendations. There was discussion about the Open Meetings Act. The two candidates were invited to stay, but opted to leave the building. The LAB discussed their recommendations.

RESOLVED, That the Library Advisory Board will recommend to the Troy City Council that either Julie Sigler or Belinda Shelton Duggan be appointed to the Library Advisory Board, for the term commencing May 1, 2008.

Yes: 5—Eisenbacher, Gauri, Gregory, Wheeler, Zembrzuski
No: 0

The Library Board meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Kul Gauri
Chairman

Cathleen Russ
Recording Secretary